

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

NATHANIEL WELLS,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

CASE NO. C21-602RSM

ORDER DIRECTING THE UNITED  
STATES TO ANSWER §2255  
PETITION

This matter comes before the Court on Petitioner's Motion to Vacate, Set Aside,

or Correct Sentence Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2255 (Dkt. #1). After a preliminary review of the motion, the Court ORDERS as follows:

(1) Within forty-five (45) days after the filing of this Order, the United States shall file and serve an Answer in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2255 Cases in United States District Courts. As part of its Answer, the United States shall state its position as to whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary, whether any discovery is necessary, whether there is any issue as to abuse or delay under Rule 9, and whether Petitioner's motion is barred by the statute of limitations.

(2) On the face of its Answer, the United States shall note this matter for the fourth Friday following the filing of its Answer, and the Clerk shall note the matter on the Court's docket accordingly.

(3) Petitioner may file a Reply to the Answer no later than the noting date.

The Clerk shall direct a copy of this Order to Petitioner.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE